

Region 1

Hot Topics

Robertson Paper Brownfields Project Receives National Attention

The Brownfields cleanup at the Robertson Paper site in Bellows Falls (Rockingham, VT) received coverage this past week from *U.S. News and World Report* and other local and national news outlets. Region 1 is investing over \$500k in Brownfields funding for this project, including assessment funding and Revolving Loan Fund funding from the Windham Regional Commission and the Vermont Agency of Commerce & Community Development (ACCD), as well as a direct cleanup grant to the nonprofit property owner. ACCD is also providing Community Development Block Grant funding from HUD for the demolition of the deteriorated mill building which is currently taking place. Due to the historic nature of the mill and the cultural significance of the site to the Elnu Anenaki tribe, this project is now subject to a Memorandum of Agreement between EPA, the property owner, and the State Historic Preservation Office.

Region 1 Resolves CAA General Duty Clause Case Against City Line Distributors, Inc. in CT

Region 1 settled an administrative penalty action against City Line Distributors, Inc. (City Line) alleging violations of Section 112(r)(1) of the Clean Air Act (CAA) at its West Haven, Connecticut facility, an area of potential Environmental Justice concern. City Line operates a cold storage and distribution facility that uses an ammonia refrigeration system. The consent agreement and final order (CAFO) alleges City Line failed to design and maintain a safe facility, prevent releases, and plan for accidental releases, should they occur. The CAFO requires City Line to pay a civil penalty of \$40,600 and update its process hazard review for the refrigeration process.

Region 1 Hosts Citizen Science Workshop

On April 17, Region 1 hosted a Citizen Science Workshop to train practitioners on the new Quality Assurance Handbook (<https://www.epa.gov/citizen-science/handbook-quality-assurance>). The QA Handbook provides best practices for citizen science organizations on how to document quality assurance for citizen science projects. Attending were more than 40 participants from states, NGOs, academia and citizen scientists.

MADEP to Issue Draft Groundwater Cleanup Requirements for PFAS

On April 17, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MADEP) notified public water suppliers of its intent to release draft groundwater cleanup requirements for PFAS for public comment. MADEP intends to revise its drinking water guideline downward to 20 ppt for six PFAS compounds (PFOA, PFOS, PFNA, PFHxS, PFHpA, and the newly added PFDA, perfluorodecanoic acid). All public water supply wells in the towns of Ayer and Devens exceed the proposed 20 ppt level. A public meeting will be held this week to announce bottled water availability for all residential customers. MADEP's drinking water guidelines are not ARARs under CERCLA.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

Region 1 to Hold Deepwater Wind Meteorological Buoy Public Hearing

On April 25, Region 1 will hold a public hearing in New Bedford, MA on its draft Clean Air Act Outer Continental Shelf permit for the Deepwater Wind Meteorological Buoy. The permit controls for emissions during the deployment.

Region 2

Hot Topics:

Steam Electric Effluent Limitation Guidelines Final Agency Review

CWRB has received most of the preliminary draft regulation and preamble materials to review for the Steam Electric Effluent Limitation Guideline. Workgroup members are expected to review materials and indicate on a Final Agency Review call whether their management supports concurring with the rulemaking package, concurring with comment, or non-concurrence. Final Agency Review will formally begin in a call on April 22, 2019 and conclude on April 25, 2019. Workgroup members will need to provide official memos or emails stating their position by April 30, 2019, such that Headquarters can complete the rulemaking package by May 1, 2019. This is a very unusual and expedited rulemaking process, to meet court ordered deadlines and align with the rulemaking process for Coal Combustion Residue under the RCRA program. This rulemaking does not significantly change technology-based limitations and provides some flexibilities for facilities that plan to close operations. The Region 2 facilities that would be impacted by this rule would be coal fired power plants in New York state. The CWRB will likely recommend that the Region concur on this rulemaking. The CWRB is available to participate in all workgroup calls.

DuPont, Parlin, NJ

On April 12, both DuPont and Chemours responded to the EPA/NJDEP joint letter of April 5 regarding sampling for GenX, PFOA and other PFAS substances. Chemours indicated its commitment to develop and implement an evaluation/sampling plan to determine if PFAS/GenX are impacting groundwater users near the Parlin facility. DuPont specified that a work plan is currently in preparation for continued sampling and delineation of the substances at the Parlin facility. We will continue to coordinate with NJDEP, Chemours and DuPont to expedite the sampling.

Status of Limetree Bay Terminal's (LBT's) Plantwide Applicability Limit (PAL) Permit Application Review

APB is almost done with its review of the LBT PAL permit application (for SO₂, NO_x, VOC, CO, PM, PM₁₀, and PM_{2.5}) which was deemed complete on 12/28/2018. Compliance with the PAL will allow LBT the flexibility to make changes within the facility to adapt to market demands without further deterioration to air quality. APB plans to share a rough draft of the draft PAL permits with ORC next week for internal review. With regard to the EJ analysis, LBT sent a proposal on how to calculate the hourly emission rates that could be used to model the impacts of the short-term impacts of NO₂, SO₂, and PM_{2.5}. The procedure calculates an estimate only. A call with their consultant is planned for further discussion. We hope to resolve this issue by the end of the week so that LBT may proceed with the analysis. APB is also in the process of amending LBT's PSD permits to reflect the shutdown of certain combustion units required pursuant to a 2011 CD. These units would be permanently shut down to achieve the NO_x reduction required by the CD. APB also plans to consolidate existing two PSD permits into one. The draft amended permit is also undergoing internal review.

Quanta

EPA plans to meet with the public on 04/18/2019, to discuss remobilization to the site for continued OU1 soil solidification work implementing sprung structures to better control emissions. Currently, Honeywell plans to remobilize to the site to erect tents on 04/22/2019 and plans to initiate the soil treatment on 05/06/2019.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

Meeting with Passaic Elected Officials

On Tuesday, April 23rd, RA Lopez is hosting an information session for local, state and federal elected officials to discuss the status of the investigation and cleanup of the Passaic River. The information session will focus on the status of the investigation and cleanup of the lower eight miles of the Passaic River, along with the potential interim remedy to address contaminated areas of the upper 9 miles of the Passaic River.

Earth Day Event at Middlesex Community College

On Tuesday, April 23rd, RA Lopez will deliver the keynote address entitled Clean Water for a Sustainable Future at Middlesex Community College at the educational Institution's Earth Day proceedings.

Region 3

Hot Topics

Region 3 Approves the Redesignation of Maryland and Virginia's Portions of the Washington, DC-MD-VA 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) Nonattainment Area and Associated Maintenance Plans

Region is approving Maryland and Virginia's requests to redesignate to attainment their respective portions of the Washington, DC-MD-VA marginal nonattainment area for the 2008 ozone national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS). Region 3 is also approving, as a revision to the District of Columbia (the District), Maryland, and Virginia's state implementation plans (SIPs), a joint maintenance plan submitted by the District, Maryland, and Virginia that demonstrates maintenance of the 2008 ozone NAAQS through 2030 in the Washington Area. The maintenance plan includes 2014, 2025, and 2030 motor vehicle emission budgets (MVEBs) for nitrogen oxides (NO_x) and volatile organic compounds (VOC) that will be used for transportation conformity in the Washington Area. Region 3 will address the redesignation of the District's portion of the Washington Area in a future rulemaking action. The Final Rulemaking Notice (FRN) is expected to be published in the Federal Register on April 15, 2019.

Phase III Watershed Implementation Plans Published

EPA has received draft Phase III Watershed Implementation Plans (WIPs) from All seven Chesapeake Bay jurisdictions: Delaware, D.C., Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia. The Phase III WIPs will guide the jurisdictions and their local partners and stakeholders on additional controls they will need to put into place to meet the Chesapeake Bay Program Partnership's goal of having all the pollutant controls in place by 2025 that are needed for fully restoring the Bay. EPA will evaluate the WIPs and will provide formal comments to the jurisdictions on June 7. The jurisdictions will submit their final Phase III WIPs on August 9. EPA notified Congressional staff on Thursday, April 11.

Tribal Consultation for Virginia's Integrated Report (IR) and 303(d) List

Region 3 is offering a consultation opportunity to Region 3 federally recognized tribes regarding EPA's approval of Virginia's Integrated Report (IR) and 303(d) list. Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VA DEQ) is expected to submit the IR in the near future. After submission, a 30-day review period for EPA to approve or disprove their 303(d) list commences. In order to allow for maximum time for tribal consultation, Region 3 intends to send the consultation packages the week of April 15. The consultation packages entail a letter, an enclosure with specific information related to the IR and a map highlighting potential relevant water bodies to the tribe.

EPA Denies Petition to Withdraw MDE's NPDES Program Authorization

On April 12, EPA denied the University of Maryland School of Law and Environmental Integrity Project's 2009 petition to withdraw Maryland Department of Environment's (MDE) authorization to administer the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program of the Clean Water Act. The petition alleged deficiencies in MDE's implementation of the NPDES permitting and enforcement program. EPA and MDE worked collaboratively to address areas where program performance could be improved, which resulted in significant improvement in MDE's implementation of the program. Although there are a few areas where MDE is continuing to make improvements, EPA determined that the initiation of withdrawal proceedings is not warranted and therefore has denied the petition. In responding to the petition, Region 3 worked closely with multiple offices in EPA HQ, including OGC and OW.

Maryland Submits West River Sediment TMDL to EPA for Final Action

On March 26, Maryland submitted to EPA for final action the West River Sediment total maximum daily load (TMDL), which gives EPA until April 25 to meet the 30-day statutory deadline to approve or disapprove. Maryland develops TMDLs using a rotational approach based on pollutant, which allows Maryland

to develop a set of TMDLs for the same pollutant using one scientifically-defensible and robust method. This TMDL represents Maryland's 33rd non-tidal sediment TMDL using this methodology. The implementation of the TMDL will result in a 12 percent reduction in total watershed sediment loads and ultimately will lead to lower sediment loading to the Chesapeake Bay. Only the predominant sources of sediment within the watershed are prescribed reductions, which include cropland and regulated stormwater runoff from Anne Arundel County, the State Highway Administration, industrial general permits, and construction general permits. The TMDL is not expected to be controversial and EPA regional staff anticipate approving.

Region 3 Issues Guidance for DCDI Public Water Systems

Region 3 provides direct oversight of the six public water systems in the District of Columbia through its Public Water System Supervision direct implementation program (DCDI). The DCDI program furnishes annual compliance guidance to these systems which together serve a total population of 665,602 people. The guidance covers all aspects of the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations including monitoring and reporting requirements, treatment, and analytical methods, as well as emergency communication and protocols. The 2019 edition also highlighted voluntary non-compliance optimization goals for distribution systems and treatment plants. The DCDI annual guidance is an important component in ensuring the continued protection of public health in the District of Columbia through compliance with drinking water regulations.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

Regional Administrator Cosmo Servidio has the following events scheduled:

- April 24 5th Annual Chesapeake Bay Leaders Meeting. Hosted by Secretary Bartenfelder of the Maryland Department of Agriculture. Annapolis, MD.

Region 4

Hot Topics

Yazoo Backwater Area

In coordination with the Office of Water, a response was drafted to address Governor Bryant's letter concerning flooding along the Mississippi River and Yazoo Backwater area. Region 4 will meet with the US Army Corps of Engineers on May 15, 2019 to discuss viable solutions to address this issue.

Terry Creek Dredge Spoils Area/Hercules Outfall (Brunswick, GA)

Region 4 has responded to an inquiry from Representative Carter (GA) following the Administrator's testimony at the House Energy and Commerce hearing on EPA's budget. Clarification was provided regarding Region 4's consideration of community concerns related to the proposed Consent Decree at the Terry Creek site.

Surry County Diesel Spill (Red Brush, NC)

On April 16, 2019 a tanker hauling 7,600 gallons of diesel fuel was involved in a motor vehicle collision, resulting in the release of its entire load on Interstate 74 directly over a storm drain culvert. The release impacted Beech Creek, Stewards Creek, and the Ararat River. We have mobilized to assist the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality in response efforts.

Regional Water Planning Outreach Meeting

The Acting Regional Administrator will speak at the event on April 23, 2019 in Savannah, GA.

South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force

The Acting Regional Administrator will travel to West Palm Beach, FL to participate in the event on April 25, 2019.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

Paducah Formal Dispute Resolution for the C-400 Removal Notification SEC level dispute – May 5, 2019

Paducah Formal Dispute Resolution for the Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis SEC level dispute - May 18, 2019

Region 5

Hot Topics

Five Years Since Water Switch in Flint, Mich.

April 25 marks five years since the city of Flint switched from Detroit water to the Flint River, which triggered the drinking water crisis.

Michigan Gov. Whitmer will participate in a “day of service,” which will focus on cleaning a community park. The Region is coordinating with the state and will staff an information table at the event.

EPA to Seek Public Input for GLRI Action Plan III

Next week, Region 5 will begin seeking input from the public on a draft Great Lakes Restoration Initiative 2020-2024 Action Plan.

EPA and its federal partners are currently developing Action Plan III, which will outline GLRI priorities and goals for 2020-2024. EPA sought and received input on priorities for the plan through the course of six public engagement sessions across the Great Lakes basin in the summer of 2018. EPA heard from agriculture, industry, academia, local government, non-profits, metropolitan planning organizations, and the general public and consulted with Great Lakes states and tribes.

EPA Proposes Approval of Sulfur Dioxide Redesignation for Lake County, Ohio

On March 8, 2019, EPA proposed to redesignate the Lake County, Ohio, area to attainment of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for sulfur dioxide. EPA received no comments during the comment period and is proceeding with a final approval.

EPA expects to sign the final approval in late April/early May. This action, once finalized, will formally recognize that sulfur dioxide levels in Lake County are protective of human health. Once redesignated, the area will be subject to less stringent permitting requirements.

EPA Proposes Approval of Sulfur Dioxide Redesignation for Indianapolis, Ind.

On April 17, 2019, EPA signed a proposed approval of the redesignation for the Indianapolis, Ind., area to attainment of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for sulfur dioxide.

A thirty-day public comment period will start once the proposed action is published in the *Federal Register*. This action, once finalized, will formally recognize that sulfur dioxide levels in Indianapolis are protective of human health and the area will be subject to less stringent permitting requirements.

Region 5 Issues Notices of Intent to File Deed Notices to Encourage Completion of South Minneapolis Superfund Cleanup

Region 5 hopes to encourage homeowners to give EPA access, so the comprehensive Superfund response can be completed.

On April 16, 2019, Region 5 issued notices of intent to file deed notices to the owners of nine homes at South Minneapolis Residential Soil Contamination Superfund site where EPA has not been able to complete sampling and/or cleanup of soil that might be contaminated with arsenic. To implement the final cleanup decision for this NPL site, from 2009 through 2011 EPA sampled virtually all residences within a 0.75-mile radius of the source for arsenic soil contamination in a mainly residential area of Minneapolis and removed arsenic above the cleanup level of 25 parts per million at more than 600 homes. However, EPA couldn't complete the project because it couldn't get access for sampling and cleanup from all property owners. Through continued outreach, EPA has now been able to get property owners' consent to complete its work at all but nine homes. EPA hopes

the notices will prompt further discussions with the remaining holdouts so that they will allow EPA to identify and address any potential health threats at their homes.

American Rivers Declares the Upper Mississippi River One of The Nation's Most Endangered Rivers Due to Unauthorized Levee Raisings

The declaration by the environmental group applies to the portion of the river between Muscatine, Iowa, and Hamburg, Ill.

EPA has no jurisdiction over the issue of levees. Permitting authorities for levees are the responsibility of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers under the Rivers and Harbors Act. Region 5 has begun to receive form emails from concerned citizens and is referring citizens to the Rock Island District of the Corps.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

Dave Ross and Region 5 Chief of Staff Thiede to Meet with Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District on Earth Day, April 22

The visit will include attending the MMSD commission meeting and taking a tour of the Jones Island Water Reclamation facility.

April 23 Tour for Sen. Peters Staff Member at Velsicol Site in St. Louis, Mich.

A Region 5 community involvement coordinator will provide the tour.

April 24 Tour for Rep. Dingell of McLouth Site in Trenton, Mich.

A Region 5 congressional liaison and staff from Superfund will provide the tour.

RA Stepp Attending Earth Day Event in Cincinnati, Ohio, on April 25

RA Stepp will be visiting the Metropolitan Sewer District and taking part in a tour of Lick Run Greenway Project – where EPA, Ohio EPA and the Metropolitan Sewer District have worked closely to address CSOs and to improve water quality, create new jobs, and provide opportunities for neighborhood revitalization.

Region 5 State Directors Meeting on April 25 and 26

RA Stepp and Region 5 senior managers will meet with state agency directors at the EPA Cincinnati facility. Senior managers from ORD and OW will also participate.

Discussion topics for the meeting will include ORD scientific and technical capabilities and how EPA research supports states, EPA's PFAS Action Plan, environmental justice/Lead Action Plan, and WOTUS. Region 5 has five new state directors since the November 2018 election

Region 6

Hot Topics

Intercontinental Terminals Company (ITC) LLC, Deer Park, Texas

ITC continues operations to transfer materials from the damaged tanks and recover materials from Tucker Bayou and the Houston Ship Channel. Seven of the 15 tanks remain to be cleaned and should be completed next week. Only small pockets of material remain along the shoreline for collection and remaining shoreline cleanup will take many weeks. EPA, with concurrence from TCEQ, issued ITC a one-time authorization for incident-related wastewater to be discharged through their wastewater treatment system on April 17, 2019. Congresswoman Garcia public meeting scheduled for April 24.

Denka Elastomers LLC, LaPlace, Louisiana

EPA (Region 6 and OECA) continue to discuss on-site air monitoring for chloroprene with DPE representatives following the joint walk-through at the facility last month. Denka, EPA, DOJ and Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality have a conference call planned for April 22 in advance of the next face-to-face meeting in early May.

Ethylene Oxide, Dallas, Texas

Region 6 will host a joint meeting on April 23 with officials from Texas and Louisiana to develop a shared strategy to address ethylene oxide emissions identified in the 2014 NATA report. NATA identified ten facilities in Region 6 as potential sources of elevated risk levels for ethylene oxide.

ExxonMobil, Baytown, Texas

Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals scheduled oral arguments for the week of June 10 regarding EPA's Title V Order denying the Environmental Integrity Project and Sierra Club petition for objection to the title V permit for the ExxonMobil Baytown Olefins Plant.

Arkansas Regional Haze

On April 10, DOJ requested an extension of the abeyance of litigation filed a status report on behalf of EPA in the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. EPA is working with Arkansas in a series of rulemakings to replace the agencies FIP. EPA is currently finalizing action on Phase II of Arkansas Regional Haze SIP.

Arkansas Title VI Compliant

A draft agreement has been shared with Arkansas and initial discussions are underway. EPA and ADEQ will meet on May 7 in Little Rock to seek resolution to any outstanding issues and finalize the agreement.

Oklahoma Safe Drinking Water Program

Region 6 is seeking clarification from ODEQ in regard to tribal government eligibility to apply for SDWA state revolving loan funds. Oklahoma Water Resources Board has confirmed tribal eligibility for Clean Water Act loan funds.

Tribal Consultation, New Mexico

Region 6 will participant in a discussion with several Pueblos on May 9 to discuss the recent MOU with New Mexico on Produced Water and whether this action should have triggered consultation.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

Texas Start-Up/Shutdown/Malfunction Petition

By April 22, Region 6 intends to propose approval on adopting a policy regarding affirmative defense provisions in Texas SIP that departs from EPA's 2015 national SIP call action. This action has been coordinated with OGC, OECA, and OAQPS offices. A SIP consistency call with OAR and the other Regions was held on March 26, and all Regions concurred or concurred with comments on the planned action.

Texas 2015 Ozone Infrastructure State Implementation Plans

By April 25, EPA anticipates a proposal approval of two Texas SIPS demonstrating that the existing Texas SIP satisfies the requirements for the CAA for transport elements and interstate and international pollution abatement.

Pueblo of Santa Ana TAS Application, New Mexico

By April 25, EPA anticipates final approval of the Santa Ana Pueblo's TAS application under CAA authority for Sections 105, 107(d)(3), 126, and 505(a)(2). The action will authorize the Pueblo to apply for funding under CAA 105 provisions and receive notifications of CAA permit applications.

2008 Ozone Standard Volatile Organic Compound SIP and Reasonably Achievable Control Technology, Houston/Galveston/Brazoria, Texas

By April 26, EPA anticipates final approval of the Texas' 2008 Reasonably Achievable Control Technology (RACT) demonstration for the Houston/Galveston/Brazoria non-attainment area.

Beaumont/Port Arthur Re-designation/Maintenance Plans for 1-hour and 1997 8-hour Ozone Standards, Beaumont/Port Arthur, Texas

By April 26, EPA anticipates proposed approval of Texas SIP revisions for the old 1-hour and 1997 8-hour ozone air quality standards for the Beaumont/Port Arthur area.

**May 1 LA Chemical Association and LA Chemical Industry Alliance 2019
Annual Legislative Conference, Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

May 5-7 Interstate Oil & Gas Compact Commission, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

May 6 ADEQ/EPA Executive Retreat, Little Rock, Arkansas

Region 7

Hot Topics

Iowa Drinking Water Primacy Revision Package for 5 Rules

EPA Region 7 has deemed the Iowa Drinking Water Primacy Revision package for 5 rules complete on April 16, 2019 and will be proposing in the Federal Register to approve the revisions which are at least as stringent as the federal regulations.

- Iowa's drinking water primacy revision is for 5 rules: Ground Water Rule, Disinfection By-Products Stage 2 Rule, Long-term Enhanced 2 Surface Water Treatment Rule, Revised Total Coliform Rule, and Lead and Copper Rule-Short-Term Revisions.
- EPA Region 7 Drinking Water program plans to have the Federal Register published with a 30-day comment period. There will also be notifications within Iowa area newspapers.
- If there are not substantial comments with a request for a hearing, the proposal to approve can be deemed final at the end of the comment period.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

On April 22 and 23, EPA Chief of Operations Henry Darwin will be visiting Region 7 for an update on EPA Lean Management System.

On April 23, Regional Administrator Jim Gulliford will be participating in the official historic site designation ceremony for the Quindaro Townsite in Kansas City, KS. Senator Pat Roberts (KS) will speak about the Quindaro Townsite's new designation during the event.

On April 26, Regional Administrator Jim Gulliford will be attending a Food Recovery Award Event at Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, KS.

Region 8

Hot Topics

Drinking Water, Wastewater and Solid Waste management continue to deteriorate on Crow Reservation in Montana

On April 18, 2019 R8 senior leadership and program staff will lead another in-person meeting with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Billings Region Indian Health Services and Crow Tribe to discuss on-going environmental non-compliance. Raw sewage overflows, failure to take drinking water compliance samples to ensure delivery of safe water, and a deteriorating solid waste management program leading to trash accumulation and open burning are presenting increased risks to public health. Elevation of these issues with our federal partners at the national level and escalation of enforcement may be necessary depending on the outcome of today's meeting.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

Public Meeting for Bonita Peak (Colorado) Mining District Superfund Site

We will host a public meeting in Durango, Colorado and participate in several other stakeholder meetings the week of April 22, 2019. Major topics will include the Aquatic Baseline Ecological Risk Assessment and the EPA's initial sitewide goals for the site. There will be Local press attention.

American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI) Peruvian Study Tour Meeting in Region 8 the week of April 22, 2019

In conjunction with ABA ROLI, R8 is hosting a Colorado study tour for Peruvian prosecutors and judges who focus on mining cases and associated heavy metal pollution. The Peruvian delegation will meet with federal and state staff as well as other stakeholders throughout the week to understand mining operations in the region.

Region 9

Hot Topics

Emergency Response

After many months of sustained effort in the No. Mariana Islands, EPA has completed our FEMA mission assignments. We'll export 10 shipping containers of material and debris and demobilize. The CNMI government has decided to address asbestos- containing material in damaged schools, hazardous debris from Typhoon Mangkhut on Rota and the abandoned power plant on Tinian with local resources.

CWA Tribal Permit

EPA will re-proposed for comment our revised CWA APS Four Corners Plant draft discharge permit following a recent EAB appeal. This power plant serves utilities in Arizona, New Mexico and Texas.

CAA Mobile Source Enforcement

Our administrative and judicial settlements of defeat device cases, such as Derive Systems, continue to draw much media coverage. We concluded administrative penalty actions with OBX Racing Sports for its manufacture and sale of 1551 aftermarket exhaust systems which require removal of the catalytic converter, and with Birnstengel Investments for its import of illegal, uncertified forklifts.

Federal Facility Dispute

The Region is working closely with OECA and OLEM to finalize an Edwards AFB dispute decision for the Administrator.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

Earth Day

RA Mike Stoker will focus on water infrastructure at the City of Santa Barbara's El Estero Wastewater Treatment Plant ribbon-cutting. The plant, originally built in 1951, received \$31.4 million in EPA SRF funds to improve secondary treatment and odor controls. Much of its wastewater effluent is reused, blended with a desalinated side stream for irrigation, its biosolids are composted and used at farms and parks, and its biogas fuels the cogeneration source which offsets 70% of the plant's electrical needs.

USDA

NRCS' California State Conservationist Carlos Suarez will meet with RA Mike Stoker, Ag Advisor Amy Miller and others in San Francisco on April 23 to discuss opportunities for working together, including possible water-quality trading projects.

Smart Sectors/oil and gas

RA Mike Stoker and his senior managers will convene a Smart Sectors discussion with the Western States Petroleum Assoc. and CA Independent Petroleum Assoc. in EPA's So. CA Field Office April 24, focusing in part on refinery compliance, community safety, and EPA's approval of SDWA UIC aquifer exemption requests.

Navajo Nation

RA Mike Stoker and Navajo Nation President Nez hosted "Industry Days", joined by 140 small business interests, to preview upcoming EPA small business contracting opportunities for assessment and remediation of abandoned uranium mines on the Navajo Nation.

Region 10

Hot Topics

New Information on Human Health Risk May Drive Changes to Lower Duwamish Waterway Superfund Site Cleanup Levels (WA)

A January 2017 change in the IRIS value for benzo(a)pyrene could trigger changes in the cleanup levels for sediment and fish tissue at the Lower Duwamish Waterway Superfund Site in Seattle. While the extent of cleanup is not expected to change significantly, the Potentially Responsible Parties (the Boeing Company, City of Seattle, King County and the Port of Seattle) requested that EPA consider an Explanation of Significant Differences, since this was recently done at the Portland Harbor site due to the change in the IRIS value. Region 10 will discuss this issue and its implications for cleanup at a stakeholder meeting on April 24.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

Region 10 Presents National Food Waste Award to the Seattle Mariners

On April 25, Regional Administrator Hladick will present the Seattle Mariners a National Food Recovery Challenge award. The award will be presented to the Mariners' Vice-President for Ballpark Operations on the field during pre-game activities at T-Mobile Park. This award is for the Mariners' exemplary food recovery efforts, through food waste and serviceware composting and surplus food donation.

Region 10 Meets with Idaho Conservation League re: Suction Dredge Mining

On April 22, Region 10 staff and management will meet with ICL staff to discuss the 2019 suction dredge mining season in Idaho. ICL requested this meeting, as their organization devotes time and energy to dredge mining issues affecting waters in Idaho.

Region 10 Celebrates Earth Day

Region 10 has a number of activities planned for Earth Day during the week of April 22nd which we plan to promote via Facebook and Twitter. In addition to the RA event with the Seattle Mariners, we have beach cleanups, litter pickups and habitat restoration projects occurring across the region.

Superfund Redevelopment Open Houses at the Bunker Hill/Coeur d'Alene Basin Site in north Idaho

EPA's Superfund Redevelopment Initiative will host a series of workshops and a public open house on April 25 in Kellogg, Idaho to gather input from the community on potential future uses of currently undeveloped properties which are part of the Bunker Hill Superfund Site.

Region 10 Presents Award to the City of Olympia, WA for Innovative Water Infrastructure Project

The City of Olympia has been selected to receive a 2018 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund WATERS award for their McAllister Wellfield Corrosion Control Facility Project. The Washington State Department of Health nominated the city for this award. Region 10's Washington Operations Office Director will present the award on April 23 at a city council meeting.

Office of Air and Radiation

Hot Topics

- **Tracking SIP Actions:** *(Note: numbers below are the same as last week and will be updated next week)*
 - Total Number of SIPs submitted to Regions in FY 2019: 144
 - Total Number of SIP Submittals with Final Action taken by the Regions in FY 2019: 127
 - Total Number of Pending SIPs: 761
- **Packages for Signature:**
 - Revision to Appendix P to 40 CFR Part 51, Concerning Minimum Emission Reporting Requirements in SIPs
 - Boat Manufacturing & Reinforced Plastic Composites RTR (Proposed Rule)
- **Packages at (or soon to be at) OMB for Review:**
 - PM2.5 Precursor Demonstration Guidance
 - Reclassification of Major Sources as Area Sources Under Section 112 of the Clean Air Act (Proposed Rule)
 - Vehicle Test Procedure Adjustments for Tier 3 Test Fuel (Proposed Rule)
 - Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) and Nonattainment New Source Review (NSR): Project Emissions Accounting (Proposed Rule)
 - 2020 Ozone Depleting Substances Phaseout Rule (Proposed Rule)
 - Amendments Related to Marine Diesel Engine Emission Standards (Proposed Rule)

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

- April 24 (Hershey, PA) – Bill Wehrum will deliver keynote address at the Pennsylvania's Chamber of Business's Annual Environmental Conference.
- April 29 (Kansas City, MO) – Anne Idsal will deliver keynote address at the National Association of Clean Air Agencies (NACAA) Spring Board Meeting.

Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention

Hot Topics

Asbestos Significant New Use Rule (SNUR)

On April 17, OCSPP announced that it is issuing a final rule to ensure that discontinued asbestos products cannot be reintroduced into commerce without the Agency evaluating them and putting in place any necessary restrictions, including prohibiting use. The final rule marks the first time in thirty years that EPA will take action on products that contain asbestos under TSCA. Further, the rule is part of a holistic approach that EPA is taking to use all available tools under TSCA to protect the public from asbestos exposure. For the limited ongoing uses of asbestos today, asbestos was one of the first ten chemicals selected by EPA under the Lautenberg act for risk evaluation. Under the final rule certain products will be prohibited from being manufactured, imported or processed until EPA conducts a thorough review, makes an appropriate determination, and takes actions as required in association with that determination.

Bacteriophage active against *Xylella fastidiosa*

OPP plans to issue a registration decision on the new active ingredient bacteriophage active against *Xylella fastidiosa* on or before the PRIA date of April 25, 2019. The target of these bacteriophage, *Xylella fastidiosa*, is a bacterium that threatens the livelihood of U.S. grape growers (as well as associated activities such as those undertaken by vintners) by significantly inhibiting the ability of grapevines to produce fruit by blocking water transport in the xylem (Pierce's disease). When registered, an end-use product containing the bacteriophage will be the first pesticide product available to U.S. grape growers, including those growing organic grapes, to directly control Pierce's disease. Given the need and the low toxicological profile of this bacteriophage, the 15-day public comment period will run concurrent with registration of the products containing this new active ingredient.

OCSPP to Update Review Process and Pigment Violet 29 (PV29) Draft Risk Evaluation

On April 17, OCSPP announced in the Federal Register the availability of updated systematic review process documents for PV29, and reopened the comment period on the PV29 draft risk evaluation following EPA's release of 24 studies in March. In November, EPA requested public feedback on the evaluation, the first of ten under new TSCA, and as a result determined the additional information should be made public. In addition to the public release of the data, EPA used the updated systemic review process, a new TSCA process that EPA is continuing to refine as it gains experience, to re-evaluate the 24 studies used in this risk evaluation. The proposed no unreasonable risk determination in the draft evaluation published in November is unchanged.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

Bergeson & Campbell Webinar *FIFRA Hot Topics in Pesticide, Biocides, and Other Agricultural Chemicals Regulation and Litigation*

On April 24, Rick Keigwin (OPP Director) will give program updates during the Bergeson & Campbell FIFRA Hot Topics webinar.

FIFRA SAP Meeting Announced in Federal Register Notice

EPA published a Federal Register notice on April 15, 2019, announcing a meeting of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act Scientific Advisory Panel (FIFRA SAP) on June 11-14, 2019. The FIFRA SAP provides independent scientific advice to the EPA on health and safety issues related to pesticides. At the meeting the FIFRA SAP will review EPA's "Proposed Guidelines for Efficacy Testing of Topically Applied Pesticides Used Against Certain Ectoparasitic Pests on Pets."

Office of the Chief Financial Officer

Hot Topics

- Draft agency deliverables from senior leader strategic reviews—strategic objective summaries of findings and risk assessments—are due to OCFO on April 19 with final products due on April 26.
- OCFO is meeting with Congressional staff on April 24 regarding the agency's FY 2019 Operating Plan submitted to the Congressional Appropriations Committees on March 18. The Senate Appropriations Subcommittee FY 2020 Budget Hearing transcript has been routed to the program offices for edits and inserts. Responses are due to OCFO by May 8. The agency is still waiting for the Questions for the Record for all three FY 2020 budget hearings.
- The EPA has received 7 mission assignments from FEMA totaling \$2.7 million to support emergency response efforts to the Midwest Floods.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

- The public comment period on the draft FY 2020-2021 National Program Guidances began April 1 and ends May 3. Relevant AAs/DAAs and Lead Regions are convening individual calls with states/state associations. ECOS commissioners/media committee chairs will participate and provide introductory remarks in their respective calls. OW's call with the states was this week. OCFO, in collaboration with OITA, NPMs and regions, also convened two consultation calls with tribes/tribal representatives this week. The remaining call schedule is:
- OAR and OLEM (*States*) – April 24
- OECA (*States*) – April 25
- On April 29, the CFO and OITA AA are scheduled to meet with the Acting Deputy Administrator regarding when border FTEs may shift across regions.
- The next E-Enterprise Bulletin is slated for release on April 29. OCFO will work with OPA, as necessary, to review before release to stakeholders and the general public.
- On May 2, the CFO will speak to the Local Government Advisory Committee about the FY 2018-2022 EPA Strategic Plan and the FY 2020 EPA Budget with a focus of items of interest to local governments and small communities.

Office of the Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations

Hot Topics

- **April 23** – The Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds and OCIR/OIR will co-host an E.O. 13132 (Federalism) consultation briefing for the Big 10 intergovernmental associations, as well as professional/technical state and local water associations, on EPA's forthcoming actions to promote nationwide consistency and regulatory certainty under a core Clean Water Act (CWA) program.
- **April 23-24** - The Regional National Environmental Performance Partnership System (NEPPS) Coordinators are convening in WJC for a 2-day meeting to discuss action items ahead in the coming year and beyond. The agenda will include all efforts identified in the FY 2020-21 OCIR National Program Guidance, and the action items identified by the State and Tribal Financial Flexibility Workgroup.
- **April 25**-Call with SEPW Majority Staff, OLEM, OECA, OGC and Region 4, to discuss Region 4's decision on DOE/TDEQ Dispute Resolution.
- **April 30** - Mayor Denny Doyle, Beaverton, OR, will meet with OBLR, OCIR/OIR and Region 10 staff to discuss his city's Brownfield Community-Wide Assessment Grant application. The City is seeking \$300,000 to identify, inventory and assess hazardous substance and petroleum brownfields in its downtown Creekside District.
- **April 30** - Mayor Hazel Rogers and other city leaders from Lauderdale Lakes, FL will meet with OW and OIR to discuss water quality issues. Concerns include assistance with the city's drainage system of water that feeds into the C-3 canal.
- **April 30** - Rep. Bennie Thompson's (D-MS) Superfund 101 briefing along with a specific update about the Rockwell International Wheel and Trim site in Grenada, Mississippi with OLEM and Region 4
- **Apr TBD** – Announcement of WIIN drinking-water grant allocations for school lead testing & disadvantaged communities w/OW
- **May 2** - OW and Region 9 will join OIR in a meeting with Board President Scott Houston and other District leadership to discuss EPA's Water Reuse Action Plan. The leaders are interested in how West Basin can be a part of this Plan.
- **May 2-3** - The **LGAC Spring meeting** will be held May 2nd-3rd in EPA's East Building room 1153. An orientation session is planned for May 2nd for new and returning Members. The public meeting will feature senior EPA officials including a panel of Assistant Administrators. LGAC Workgroup focal topics and agendas are in final revisions. An Intergovernmental Forum with guest speakers representing national intergovernmental organizations is planned on May 2nd and will focus on risk communication and local governments.
- **May 3** – Rep. Walden (OR) constituents meeting on pesticides and hemp w/OCSPP

Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

Hot Topics

Eight Circuit Affirms CERCLA Judgments Against Dico, Inc. and Titan Tire Corporation

In a unanimous April 11, 2019, decision, the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed the Southern District of Iowa's ruling that Dico, Inc. and Titan Tire Corporation were liable under CERCLA as arrangers at the Southern Iowa Mechanical Site in Ottumwa, Iowa. The United States was awarded \$5.4 million against Dico and Titan in reimbursement of the U.S.'s response costs, plus a declaratory judgment for all future costs, currently estimated to total \$6.5-\$7 million, as well as enforcement costs, which includes attorneys' fees. The Eighth Circuit further affirmed the ruling that Dico was liable for penalties (\$1.6 million) and punitive damages (\$5.4 million) for violating an EPA unilateral administrative order. Moreover, in affirming Dico's and Titan's arranger liability, the Eighth Circuit upheld the finding that, because the cost of disposal or remediation greatly exceeded the contaminated buildings' purchase price, the costs avoided by Dico and Titan were strong evidence of an intent to arrange for disposal of the contaminated buildings.

Settlement Agreement with Derive to Address the Sale of Aftermarket Defeat Devices Entered

On April 16, 2019, a settlement between the United States and Derive Systems, Inc. was entered by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. The settlement resolves Derive's Clean Air Act violations for the manufacture and sale of approximately 363,000 aftermarket products that EPA alleged were designed, in part, to defeat the emissions control systems of cars and trucks. Derive estimates that it will spend at least \$6.25 million to complete required injunctive relief and bring its operations into compliance with the Clean Air Act. In addition to these compliance costs, Derive will pay a civil penalty of \$300,000 as the company had limited financial ability to pay a higher penalty.

Illinois Recycling Executive Sentenced on Fraud and Tax Offenses

On April 12, 2019, Brian Brundage was sentenced in the Northern District of Illinois to serve 36 months of incarceration, 36 months of supervised release, and pay \$1.28 million in restitution. On September 20, 2018, Brundage pleaded guilty to wire fraud and tax evasion violations. Brundage owned Intercon Solutions Inc. and EnviroGreen Processing LLC, which purported to recycle electronic waste on behalf of corporate and governmental clients. Between 2005 and 2016, Brundage caused thousands of tons of e-waste, including crushed lead containing cathode ray tubes, to be landfilled, stockpiled, or re-sold at a profit to companies who shipped the materials overseas. Brundage admitted he evaded paying \$743,984 in federal taxes by concealing the income he earned from re-selling the e-waste and from paying himself funds that he falsely recorded as Intercon business expenses.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

On April 25, 2019, OECA Assistant Administrator Susan Bodine will convene a call with states to discuss their feedback on the draft FY 2020-2021 OECA National Program Guidance.

Office of General Counsel

Hot Topics

- *U.S. v. Dico, Inc.*, No. 17-3462 (8th Cir. April 11, 2019). New Decision: The Eighth Circuit affirmed the district court's finding that defendants arranged to dispose of a hazardous substance in violation of CERCLA, and holding them jointly and severally liable for response costs. The Eighth Circuit found that the sale of a PCB-contaminated building, later torn down, was a disposal, and disagreed with defendants that the transaction was a legitimate sale of a useful product.
- *Waterkeeper Alliance v. Pruitt*, No. 18-03521 (N.D. Cal. April 5, 2019). New Decision: Court granted plaintiffs' motion to complete the administrative record their challenge against the 2015 Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) Rule. Plaintiffs sought the addition of eight U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) documents that had been released to the public by Congress. The court granted plaintiffs' record motion after finding that four factors weighed in favor of disclosure.
- *Oregon Cattlemen's Ass'n v. EPA*, No. 19-00564 (D. Or. filed April 16, 2019). New Litigation: The Oregon Cattlemen's Association filed a complaint challenging the Corps and EPA's 2015 WOTUS Rule.
- *Union of Concerned Scientists, et al. v. Wheeler*, No. 18-10129 (D. Mass. filed April 15, 2019). New Litigation: Plaintiffs appealed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, the decision by the Federal District Court for the District of Massachusetts granting EPA's motion to dismiss their challenge to EPA's October 31, 2017 federal advisory committee directive.
- *Physicians for Social Responsibility v. Wheeler*, No. 17-02742 (D.D.C. filed April 12, 2019). New Litigation: Plaintiffs appealed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, the decision by the Federal District Court for the District of Columbia granting EPA's motion to dismiss their challenge to EPA's October 31, 2017 federal advisory committee directive.
- *New York v. Wheeler*, No. 19-03287 (S.D.N.Y. filed April 12, 2019). New Litigation: The State of New York filed a complaint in federal district court for failure to act on their Clean Air Act (CAA) section 126(b) petition. The state had submitted a notice of intent to sue February 13, 2019.
- *Citizens for Pennsylvania's Future v. Wheeler*, No. 19-2004 (N.D. Cal. filed April 15, 2019). New Litigation: Plaintiffs filed suit in federal district court regarding EPA's duty to complete the risk and technology review, pursuant to CAA sections 112(f)(2) and (d)(6), for two rules that set National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for coke ovens.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

Hearing April 25, *State of California v. EPA*, Nos. 18-03237 and 18-03237 (N.D. Cal.).

Nondiscretionary duty suit re: failure to implement 2016 Emission Guidelines and Compliance Times for Municipal Solid Waste Landfills (CAA 111(d)).

Office of International and Tribal Affairs

Hot Topics

Inter-Agency Water Working Group

EPA participated in the Interagency Water Working Group meeting led by the State Department. The State Department thanked USG agencies for providing success stories for advancing the US Global Water Strategy and has made these stories available online, <https://www.globalwaters.org/us-global-water-strategy-stories>, which includes EPA's international Trash Free Waters program. The State Department and EPA are also planning a "Roundtable on Financing Water," scheduled for June 26-27, which is being co-organized by OECD, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and USG.

EPA/State/Tribe Co-Regulator Oil and Natural Gas Call

EPA held its recurring bi-monthly call with states and tribes on oil and natural gas issues. These bi-monthly calls are used to provide a forum for discussing ongoing practices and provides tools by which EPA can better work with its regulatory partners. This call featured the OECA DAA who presented on three EPA efforts related to the oil and natural gas sector - New Owner Clean Air Act Audit Program; Environmental Compliance Information for Energy Extraction Portal; and Compliance Assistance Centers.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

April 22 - The Administrator and Japanese Ambassador to the U.S. will hold an Earth Day event together to highlight the global issue of marine debris.

Office of the Land and Emergency Management

Hot Topics

1. **Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR).** We anticipate the CCR Phase 2 proposed rule package to go from OP to OMB soon for an expedited EO 12866 review.
2. **Clean Air Act 112(r) Risk Management Program (RMP).**
3. **Ongoing major Superfund NPL sites.** We are working with Region 4 on Oak Ridge, Region 9 on Edwards Air Force Base, and Region 10 on Portland Harbor.
4. **CERCLA 108(b) Financial Assurance (next three sectors).**
5. **PFAS.**
 - a. PFOA and PFOS contaminated groundwater guidance.
 - b. Working on inclusion as “hazardous substances” under CERCLA.
6. **e-Manifest.**

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

1. **Spring NPL update.**
2. **Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training (EWDJT).** We anticipate the posting of the FY20 EWDJT grant guidelines to grants.gov soon. The deadline for the submission of proposals will be June 10.
3. **Exemption for Air Releases from Animal Waste at Farms from EPCRA Final Rule.** The rule package has been submitted to OMB for a 30-day interagency review.
4. **Planning for Natural Disaster Debris Guidance.** The final guidance was cleared by OMB, and posted online on April 17th; we anticipate publication in the FR soon.
5. **Upcoming Judicial Deadline regarding Oil and Gas Wastes.** We are working with OGC and others to meet the April 23 deadline.
6. **FY19 Brownfields Multipurpose, Assessment, Cleanup Grant Announcement.** We are targeting an announcement of the selection of the grants on June 5th, totaling approximately \$55 million.

Office of Mission Support

Hot Topic

SEAD 3 Training

Effective April 26, 2019, EPA will implement SEAD 3, which will require that EPA personnel in sensitive positions report 'covered' activities (for example, overseas travel, foreign assets, foreign contacts). Impacted personnel must complete mandatory training which includes explanation of what the 'covered' activities are, how reporting is completed, and the ramifications of not reporting.

Termination of Suspension and Stay of Suspension Proceedings for Two Respondents in the Flint, MI Water Crisis

On April 9, 2019, the EPA Suspension and Debarment Official (SDO) terminated the suspension of Mr. Stephen Busch, a Michigan Department of Environmental Quality District 8 Water Supervisor, pursuant to dismissal of the criminal charges that constituted a cause for his suspension. On April 10, 2019, the EPA SDO declined to terminate the suspension of Ms. Liane Shekter-Smith, the former Chief of the Office of Drinking Water and Municipal Assistance for MDEQ, and granted the Respondent's request for a stay of the contest proceedings. The suspension and contest proceedings involving this Respondent remain in place due to a lack of conclusive evidence of a dismissal of the criminal charges upon which her suspension was based. The Respondent will remain suspended until completion of the criminal proceedings. A suspension is an immediate exclusion from receiving federal contracts and covered transactions to protect the public interest pending completion of legal proceedings.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

Office of Mission Support Begins National Program Reviews

On April 24, Office of Mission Support senior leaders Donna Vizian, Vaughn Noga and Wesley Carpenter will kick off their national campaign to engage every region and program office in an OMS Portfolio Review in Region 4. The reviews aim to identify potential efficiencies, opportunities for enhancements, savings and areas for collaboration across the spectrum of OMS services. They will also conduct an OMS Customer Experience Town Hall to talk about OMS services and field questions. Wesley Carpenter, the OMS Deputy Assistant Administrator for Administration and Resources Management, will also meet with regional managers on ARM relevant topics.

Geographic Information System (GIS) Workshop, April 23-25 in Cincinnati, OH

EPA's annual GIS Workshop will take place in Cincinnati, OH on April 23-25, 2019. The workshop will include training and technical talks on data management & standards, cartography, data publishing, national initiatives, spatial analysis, application development, data visualization, automation & customization, mobile GIS, emerging technologies, and remote sensing training. The workshop will also provide EPA staff with opportunities to build networks and becoming more active in GIS workgroup subgroups in critical areas such as EPA GeoPlatform Administration, Emergency Response Support, Training, Data Management and Adaptation Planning.

Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

On Wednesday, April 24, 2019, in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Administration's National Prescription Drug Take-Back Initiative, the agency will collect unwanted or expired prescription drugs. Employees can bring these drugs to the Ronald Reagan Building Health Unit, room G1-20, or the Potomac Yard Health Unit, room S-1400, for safe, free and anonymous disposal from 10 am - 1 pm. This initiative seeks to prevent prescription drug abuse and theft by ridding homes of expired or unwanted medications.

2019 Headquarters' Walk to Wellness

The 2019 Headquarters' Walk to Wellness will be held on May 8, 2019. The event will begin at 11:00 a.m. on the William Jefferson Clinton Building 12th Street Lawn with sports competitions, fitness center class demonstrations, wellness experts and health screenings. Keynote remarks at 11:55 a.m. will precede a 1.5-mile group walk around the White House Ellipse at approximately 12:10 p.m.

Office of Policy

Hot Topic

White House Opportunity & Revitalization Council (WHORC)

On April 25, OP and OLEM will meet with WHORC in Washington, DC to discuss EPA's role in supporting the Council.

Smart Sectors Region 9 Launch

On April 24, staff from the Smart Sectors Program will participate in the launch of the Smart Sectors Region 9 initiative in Los Angeles, CA.

Smart Sectors in Indianapolis

On April 24, staff from the Smart Sectors Program will present at the Suppliers Partnership for the Environment meeting in Indianapolis, IN.

Environmental Justice Presentation

On April 24, staff from the Office of Environmental Justice will attend the Georgia Brownfields Association Conference in Atlanta, GA to discuss assistance being provided to Savannah through the "brownfields to healthfields" initiative.

Community Revitalization Webinar

On April 24, staff from the Office of Community Revitalization will present during a national webinar hosted by the Technical Assistance to Brownfields Program for municipal officials, consultants, and others interested in brownfields redevelopment.

Environmental Justice Discussion

On April 22-24, staff from the Office of Environmental Justice will join other federal partners at the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in New York, NY to share information on how EPA is working with tribes and indigenous peoples.

Environmental Economics Seminar

On April 25, as part of the National Center for Environmental Economics seminar series, two professors from Carnegie Mellon University will present their research on lead exposure.

| Active Interagency Reviews from OMB | |
|---|--------------|
| Subject | OMB Due Date |
| State Dept., NPRM: Enforcement of Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in Programs or Activities Conducted by the United States Department of State | 04/19/2019 |
| SBA NPRM (Pass-back): Women-Owned Small Business and Economically Disadvantaged Women-Owned Small Business – Certification | 04/24/2019 |
| USDA/APHIS NPRM (Pass-back): Movement of Certain Genetically Engineered Organisms, aka Part 340 | 04/29/2019 |
| DoD/ACE NPRM (Pass-back): Natural Disaster Procedures: Preparedness, Response, and Recovery Activities of the Corps of Engineers | N/A |

| Documents Submitted to OFR from April 11 - 17, 2019 | | |
|---|--|-----------------------|
| FRL | Title | Date Submitted to OFR |
| 9991-72-OW | 40 CFR 122 - Interpretive Statement on Application of the Clean Water Act National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Program to Releases of Pollutants from a Point Source to Groundwater | 4/17/2019 |
| 9992-54-Region 4 | 40 CFR part 52 - Air Plan Approval; GA: Non-Interference Demonstration and Maintenance Plan Revision for Federal Low-Reid Vapor Pressure Requirement in the Atlanta Area | 4/17/2019 |
| 9992-05-OCSP | Procedures for Review of CBI Claims for the Identity of Chemicals on the TSCA Inventory | 4/16/2019 |
| 9992-49-Region 4 | 40 CFR part 271 - Alabama: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions | 4/16/2019 |
| 9992-52-Region 4 | 40 CFR part 52 - Air Plan Approval; SC; 2010 1-Hour SO ₂ NAAQS Transport Infrastructure | 4/15/2019 |
| 9991-14-OCSP | 40 CFR 174 and 180 - Receipt of Several Pesticide Petitions Filed for Residues of Pesticide Chemicals in or on Various Commodities | 4/15/2019 |
| 9991-51-OCSP | Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee; Notice of Public Meeting [May 8-9, 2019] | 4/15/2019 |
| 9992-09-Region 7 | 40 CFR 62.6350 and 62.6351 - Approval of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; Missouri; Diammonium Phosphate Fertilizer Units | 4/15/2019 |
| 9992-34-Region 8 | Proposed Issuance of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit for Wastewater Discharges Associated with Drinking Water Production Located in the EPA Region 8 Indian Country | 4/15/2019 |
| 9992-42-OCSP | Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances (19-1[B]) | 4/15/2019 |
| 9982-16-OCSP | 40 CFR part 704 and 711 - TSCA Chemical Data Reporting Revisions and Small Manufacturer Definition Update for Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements under TSCA Section 8(a) | 4/12/2019 |
| 9990-36-OCSP | Materials Supporting the Colour Index (C. I.) Pigment Violet 29 Risk Evaluation; Notice of Availability and Comment Opportunity | 4/12/2019 |
| 9991-54-OMS | NSPS for Secondary Lead Smelters (Renewal)/ICR 1128.12 | 4/12/2019 |
| 9991-66-OMS | NSPS for Synthetic Fiber Production Facilities (Renewal)/ICR 1156.14 | 4/12/2019 |
| 9991-88-OMS | NSPS for Surface Coating of Plastic Parts for Business Machines (Renewal)/ICR 1093.12 | 4/12/2019 |
| 9991-89-OMS | NSPS for Phosphate Fertilizer Industry (Renewal)/ICR 1061.14 | 4/12/2019 |
| 9992-07-OMS | NESHAP for Chemical Manufacturing Area Sources (Renewal)/ICR 2323.07 | 4/12/2019 |
| 9992-43-Region 5 | 40 CFR parts 52 and 81 - Redesignation Request for the Wisconsin portion of the Chicago-Naperville, Illinois-Indiana-Wisconsin Area to Attainment of the 2008 Ozone Standard | 4/12/2019 |
| 9992-44-Region 3 | 40 CFR part 52 - Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Delaware; Nonattainment New Source Review Requirements for 2008 8-Hour Ozone Standard | 4/12/109 |

| | | |
|------------------|---|-----------|
| 9991-12-Region 6 | 40 CFR 52 - Air Plan Approval; New Mexico; Albuquerque/Bernalillo County; Minor New Source Review (NSR) Preconstruction Permitting Program Revisions | 4/11/2019 |
| 9991-77-OLEM | Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Guidance for Applicants Requesting to Treat/Dispose of PCBs Using Incineration or an Alternative Method | 4/11/2019 |
| 9991-79-Region 6 | 40 CFR 52 - Air Plan Approval; New Mexico; Infrastructure for the 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards and Repeal of State Regulations for Total Suspended Particulate | 4/11/2019 |
| 9991-87-OP | National Environmental Justice Advisory Council; Notification of Public Meeting with Teleconference Option and Public Comment | 4/11/2019 |
| 9992-16-OA | National Environmental Education Advisory Council | 4/11/2019 |
| 9992-30-Region 3 | Clean Water Act: West Virginia's NPDES Program Revision | 4/11/2019 |

Office of Research and Development

Hot Topic

On April 25 and 26th, ORD's Cincinnati facility will host Region 5 State Commissioners and the Regional Administrator. While at the facility, states will discuss their environmental challenges and opportunities, ORD will present our scientific and technical capabilities, OW will provide briefings on WOTUS and EPA's PFAS Action Plan, and Region 5 will discuss the Agency's Environmental Justice/Lead Action Plan. An open discussion on environmental challenges/opportunities will precede an ORD laboratory tour.

Researchers Visiting Bridgeton Landfill, St. Louis, MO, April 16-17

This week ORD researchers are visiting and providing observations to Region 7 and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) staff regarding ongoing activities at the Bridgeton Sanitary Landfill. ORD has been providing ongoing technical assistance to the Region for the subsurface fires at the Bridgeton/West Lake Landfills.

Technical meetings at Cyprus Tohono Mine site, Arizona, April 17

At the request of Region 9 ORD will meet with representatives of the Tohono O'odham Nation, Cyprus Tohono Corporation, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, and EPA Region 9 to discuss issues related to the Cyprus-Tohono Alternative Superfund site Feasibility Study. The primary issues of concern relate to the capture of sulfate and perchlorate at the distal end of the groundwater plume. ORD has been providing technical support for groundwater contamination and remediation issues at the Alternative Superfund site, which is the location of a century old copper mine and processing facility.

Technical support to the State of Arkansas on pipe pinhole leaks

The Arkansas Department of Public Health reached out to ORD for assistance regarding a community experiencing issues with copper pipe pinhole leaks in homes. On April 5, the State sent a copper pipe sample to ORD to provide chemical and physical analysis.

Public release of EPA Methods 1696 and 1697 for microbial source tracking

ORD collaborated with the Office of Water in a multi-laboratory validation study (14 laboratories) to assess the performance of EPA Methods 1696 and 1697 in fresh and marine recreational waters. These methods have now been released to the public and are available to communities to help them characterize human fecal contamination in fresh and marine recreational waters.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

Regional Laboratory Meeting

On April 23, ORD's new role as National Program Manager (NPM) for the Regional Laboratories will be discussed at a face-to-face meeting in D.C. with the directors of the regions' Laboratory Services and Applied Sciences Divisions. ORD's designation as the NPM is intended to strengthen collaboration, promote consistency, and enhance efficiencies across the laboratory enterprise. The agenda for the meeting includes topics such as priorities and near-term goals for this new partnership, the status of various Laboratory Enterprise Forum activities, regional laboratory metrics, FY 2020 budget issues, and promoting laboratory science within and outside the Agency.

Safe and Sustainable Water Resources (SSWR) Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) Meeting

On April 23-24, the BOSC Safe and Sustainable Water Resources (SSWR) Subcommittee will hold a public meeting at EPA in Washington, DC, to deliberate and draft a report on the SSWR Strategic Research Action Plan (StRAP).

IRIS Public Science Meeting

On April 24th, the IRIS Program will host a public science meeting for Hexavalent Chromium from 1:00-3:00 PM (EST) by webinar.

Office of Water

Hot Topic

Perchlorate

On April 16, the EPA transmitted the Proposed National Primary Drinking Water Regulation for Perchlorate to OMB for an expedited interagency review. This proposed regulation was developed in accordance with the Safe Drinking Water Act and in compliance with a consent decree that requires the Agency to publish a proposed perchlorate drinking water standard by May 28.

Campus RainWorks Challenge

This week, the Office of Water anticipates officially selecting the winners of the 7th annual Campus RainWorks Challenge. The Challenge is a national collegiate competition that engages undergraduate and graduate students to design solutions for stormwater pollution using green infrastructure. This year's winners include University of Oregon, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, University of Arizona, and Florida International University. The winners of this year's Challenge will be announced the Week of April 22.

Water Reuse Action Plan--Call for Public Input

Today, the Office of Water anticipates announcing a call for public input on the development of a Water Reuse Action Plan. The purpose of the action plan is to accelerate the application of water reuse as a safe, reliable, and sustainable way to meet the country's current and future water demands. To facilitate public input on the action plan, the Agency is posting as part of the docket, a *Discussion Framework for Development of a Draft Water Reuse Action Plan*, which provides helpful background, context, and details on considerations that the action plan could address. The Agency will accept public input on the Water Reuse Action Plan through July 1, 2019.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

Earth Day

On April 22, Assistant Administrator David Ross will celebrate Earth Day with the Mayor of Milwaukee at the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD). He will meet with the MMSD Commissioners to discuss an initiative he is passionate about – promoting and raising awareness on the importance of American water workforce. After the commission meeting, Mr. Ross will tour the Jones Island Water Reclamation Facility and have lunch with the dedicated workforce members on site. He will also visit with the School of Fresh Water Sciences, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Open press.

EPA Region 5 State Environmental Directors Meeting

Next week, OW Senior Science Advisor Owen McDonough will discuss the 'Waters of the United States' proposed rulemaking via video teleconference with Region 5's state environmental directors. Closed press.